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## **Capitol Building Advisory Committee**

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## Interested Persons,

The Capitol Building Advisory Committee (Committee) exists to preserve, manage, and oversee the Capitol Complex which consists of the Capitol, the surrounding grounds and Veterans' Park, and the buildings in the general vicinity owned by the state. In the wake of recent damage to the Capitol Complex and related displays, the Committee has had to make several choices as to how to restore and preserve certain damaged articles.

Of interest to many Coloradans is the Colorado Civil War Memorial, depicting a Union soldier atop a pedestal. Authorized in 1905, it was the last memorial to that war placed by a participating state. The memorial was severely damaged in 2020. The statue was pulled from its base, toppled, and its saber stolen. However, for the last 18 months History Colorado has displayed the damaged statue as part of a larger exhibit considering the role of statuary in remembering history.

The Committee is considering a proposal to relocate the Civil War Memorial to the Colorado Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. Given how long the statue has been associated with the Capitol there have been many voices in this process. As such, the Committee feels it appropriate to offer an extended comment period during which we hope that interested Coloradans will share their opinion on the proposal to relocate the Civil War soldier to the grounds of the DMVA. The Committee welcomes any feedback over the next 45-days prior to approving the relocation of the Memorial.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact the Capitol Building Advisory Committee staff with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Representative Susan Lontine, Chair Capitol Building Advisory Committee

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